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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 18V-884 School Bus
NHTSA Recall Number: 18V-885 Non-School Bus

DATE: February 7, 2019

SUBJECT: RECALL R19ZV – Vision Transmission Shifter Cable and Brake Line Routing with Ford 6.8L V10 Engines

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This important safety recall notice applies to your bus(es) identified by both Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the enclosed pink reply sheet. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow coversheet sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Body Company is recalling certain model year 2013 to 2020 Vision School Buses manufactured from January 24, 2012 through September 27, 2018 and certain model year 2016 to 2020 Vision Non-School Buses manufactured from September 24, 2014 through September 18, 2018. On certain Blue Bird Vision buses equipped with Ford 6.8L V10 engines, the hydraulic brake lines and/or transmission shifter cable may have been incorrectly routed and could come into contact with surrounding components. The brake lines may be routed in close proximity to the exhaust manifold of the engine, which could expose the lines to excessive heat and premature failure causing brake fluid to leak onto the manifold. On gasoline fueled buses, if the transmission shifter cable were to rub against the engine fuel supply line it could result in a fuel leak. Both issues could increase the risk of fire, causing injury and/or damage to property.

To correct this condition, Dealers will install a bracket to insulate the brake lines from heat and reroute the transmission shifter cable away from the fuel lines.

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repairs related to this recall at no cost to you, the vehicle owner. The standard repair time (SRT) to accomplish these repairs in accordance with the R19ZV installation procedure is 0.5 hours.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.



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If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, attach a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the pink self-addressed postage prepaid envelope included with the pink reply sheet to Blue Bird for warranty consideration. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

Please contact your local Blue Bird Dealer with any questions regarding this recall campaign.

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

Or, you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:
1-888-327-4236 TTY 1-800-424-9153 or go to: <http://www.safercar.gov>